

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

2006 – 2011 Strategic Plan

(2008 – 2009 Tasks)

Strategic Work Plan Goals for Implementation of the Regional Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta

Reader's Note: In this section of the Strategic Work Plan, text in paragraph form is taken from the Regional Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta, adopted pursuant to the Delta Protection Act. Text in bullet point form has been added as a result of the visioning process.

2. ENVIRONMENT

Goals: Preserve and protect the natural resources of the Delta, including soils. Promote protection of remnants of riparian habitat. Promote seasonal flooding and agriculture practices on agricultural lands to maximize wildlife use of the hundreds of thousands of acres of lands in the Delta. Promote levee maintenance and rehabilitation to preserve the land areas and channel configurations in the Delta.

- Enhance educational awareness of the benefits of an adaptive working landscapes approach to managing agricultural and habitat resources in the Delta.
- Explore options for balancing environmental mitigation with other land uses, including agriculture and flood protection.
- Explore options for land use practices (Best Management Practices) that reduce or reverse subsidence e.g., Sherman Island.

2008 / 2009 Tasks	Quarterly Status
Continue to co-sponsor Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum to assure stakeholder and local jurisdiction input into potential development of management plan.	
Initiate implementation of Working Landscapes Grant with Ducks Unlimited, Hart Restoration and local landowners consistent with awarded grant provisions.	
Continue to monitor Bay Delta Conservation Plan process and provide input when deemed appropriate.	
Promote coordination of local and state habitat conservation programs consistent with Management Plan policies.	
Support legislation that promotes conversion of agricultural lands to habitat if consistent with land characteristics/ parameters identified by Commission and submitted to the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force.	
Promote establishment of an "in-delta" conservancy to promote the policies of the Commission's Management Plan.	
Support programs to address invasive species impacts.	
Monitor proposals for establishment of mitigation banks in the Primary Zone to determine consistency with policies of the Commission's Management Plan.	

5. AGRICULTURE

Goal: Support long-term viability of commercial agriculture and discourage inappropriate development of agricultural lands.

- Establish forum for Delta-wide collaboration among agricultural interests on common activities and issues.
- Establish a program for Delta agricultural easements.

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Implement working landscapes demonstration projects with Ducks Unlimited and Hart Restoration consistent with awarded Grant provisions.	
Complete facilitated development of principles, strategies and guidelines for establishment of volunteer Delta-wide agricultural easement program to be utilized for implementation by local land trusts.	
Facilitate Delta county ag commissioner discussions relative to establishment of a coordinated Delta-wide rodent control program, particularly as relates to levee maintenance.	
Assure representation of agricultural interests/perspectives in Delta Trail Planning process, including participation on Stakeholder Advisory Committee.	
Promote programs to enhance ag tourism, economic development and enterprise districts for ag related facilities, including coordination with local ag commissioners.	
Promote establishment of an “in-delta” conservancy program to support Commission goals.	
Assure agriculture perspective is represented in Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum discussions.	